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Lyndhurst, N.J.
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Dear Joe:

Greetings from the Big Apple. I hope that you are enjoying a quiet summer in Wisconsen, it does one good to get away from it all.

Now that the introduction is completed, we come to the meat of the letter:

By now, hopefully, George Kaplan has contacted you on my suggestion to clear up a few problems. I had thought that George was more in the "inner circle" of WNYU, but from my conversation with him the other day, he really doesn't know a lot about how to run a station.

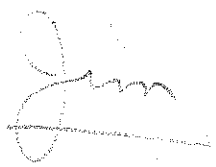
Twice I had written him notes stressing the fact that the University fiscal year ends July 31, and that all funds now in WNYU's treasury must be spent by that date or it will be automatically returned to the University treasury. I also had asked him to find out about how much money had been given to WNYU from the "left overs" for this year, since that money, if any, must also be spent by the end of July. Only when I called him again this Tuesday did he tell me that he had been told that WNYU would receive only $2400 next year, and no money before this! You can well imagine my astonishment. I don't see how WNYU can operate on such a budget. New equipment alone totals most of this, and with your extravagant use of the telephone, the rest of the money can easily be spent on phone bills. This leaves nothing for operating the station. I then told George to call you immediately (he hesitated over the cost of the call; quibbling over pennies when hundreds are at stake) and check this out with what you had been told before you left NYC in early June. As I sit here typing, my calander indicated only 3-4 weeks left to spend any money that is coming to us. I hope that you have (or will) contacted George and told him what to do to straighten out this problem. He needs a push, as he seems unsure or hesitant about standing up to Price & Hopf.

Also, George tells me that that no good thief Felsiglia has been using WNYU 's facilities this summer. George asked him how he had gotten in, and he told George that <u>You</u> had given him keys and that Brett MacKinnon had also given him permission. George didn't know who Brett was, or what the whole story about Felsiglia & Brett is, or that Brett hasn't been at WNYU for a year! Felsiglia has keys to the tape cabinet besides, and we now notice that the Eastman tape has been stolen, as have several recent rock & Roll 45's that can in and are now in the top 20. It is obvious to me that George is in no position to run the station this summer

since he doesn't know who anyone is, whether they should or should not be in the station, what the financial intracies of WNYU are, etc. Also, since he has classes both at Washington Square and University Heights, he has only one hour/day for WNYU (12 noon-1 pm). This I can't blame him for, but if any business is to be conducted, any meetings held with administration or faculty, any policing of WNYU done, etc., then the noon hour is the time least suited for this. You may criticize Herschel, and in certain aspects be correct in doing so, but giving credit where credit is due, last summer he ran the station, not just visited it each day.

As I said before, George needs some instructions badly on what to do, and I feel that you should give him some immediately. I suggest changing the padlock at once (Felsiglia undoubtedly has a set of keys to the entire station), having George push Price to the wall about WNYU's money (we must have at least $3500 total to work with for 1964-65), and perhaps finding someone else to help share the burden of running WNYU in the summer, like Zerler (who is running around doing a heck of a lot of work for Bob Cohen's World's Fair series, and perhaps should have some of this energy channeled into running the station), and having George visit Larry Hollander regularly, both to keep Larry informed, to force George to do more, just so he has something to report to Larry each few days, and to enable Larry to help George in his dealings with Price & Hopf.

Perhaps I seem too harsh on George, but time grows short on money, FM is stagnating, I am unable to do much with B-3 without any money and without walls, our equipment & tapes are being stolen as we watch, and next year's operations are threatened by a further lack of funds. Your value as a Station Manager will be considerably decreased if it is during your administration that the first budget cut in 6 years occurs, and if FM and/or our newly acquired space is not made use of.

I look forward to a speedy reply and an indication of the steps you plan to take to correct this situation.

Yours truly,